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seek blessings of Pastor Q

By Gil Calavenga Jr.
 IS HE A FUTURE KING-
 maker? Another Bro.
 Mike in the making?
 Big-time politicians
 flocked during the week-
 end to the annual thank-
 giving event of a Davao-



Jammers threaten polls

Cheaters may delay counting

By Cathy Yanesan

CELL PHONE JAMMERS
 may be out to disrupt the
 country's first nationwide
 automated elections in May.

The Commission on Elections (Comelec) yesterday said that it had received reports as early as three weeks ago that a device of 3,000 jamming devices had entered the country.

"In arrival in one bulk, which made it a nuisance," said Comelec spokesperson James Iñiguez.

Given the proximity of the election, he said, "We cannot help but be suspicious. And it's only prudent that we remain suspicious."

Iñiguez declined to give details, but said there was reason to believe that the device could be used to delay the transmission of election results (See in the Focus on Page A8).

Comelec officials, who tested last week the automated voting machines in the field, said a signal provided by telecommunications companies transmitting results.

"Delay in the transmission of results makes it possible for those who want to cheat. The delay gives them time to calculate how many votes they need to win or overturn the lead of their opponents," Iñiguez explained in a report.

"Speed should be preserved. The jammer is a threat."

Printing of ballots delayed anew

By Cathy Yanesan

GOING

Another hiccup has delayed for yet another week the printing of 50 million ballots to be used in the May elections.

Electronics Chair Jose Milla yesterday said the printers of some local and portable machines had been left on when staff officials checked the copies to be printed in the National Printing Office.

The Commission on Elections (Comelec) earlier scheduled the printing of 100 million ballots.



CONTROVERSIAL HIGHWAY Motorists drive along the C-5 road extension near the Philtranco Village in Pasig City. The new highway has been mired in controversy over its funding that prompted political rivals to file an ethics case against Sen. Manny Villar in the Senate.

SWS SURVEY

C-5 row fails to halt Villar's advance

SEN. MANUEL VILLAR, PRESIDENTIAL candidate of the Nacionalista Party (NP), has further widened down the once-continuing lead of Sen. Rodrigo Duterte (DR) to just several percentage points, results of a recent nationwide survey show.

In the vice presidential race, the survey conducted by Social Weather Stations (SWS) last week, 10 days ahead that Sen. Manuel "Mang" Villar.

Aguiar's running mate, was the top choice of respondents.

The NP said its standard-bearer's ratings had been steadily rising while those of Aguiar's had been declining in spite of the revival of the allegations against Villar in the C-5 road extension project.

Villar yesterday thanked the people for their continued trust in and support for him despite the accusations of his political enemies.

"I know that meddling is part of politics. I believe that the people can separate the truth from falsehood. The attacks against me will not cause me to weaken my resolve to pursue efforts to help the people," he said in a statement.

Aguiar, the presidential candidate of the Liberal Party (LP), was the pre-

Enrile insists there's strong case vs Villar

By Christine O. Aranda

SENATE PRESIDENT JUAN PONCE ENRILE last night expressed confidence that Sen. Manuel Villar would end up in jail should the Senate report on the C-5 road project controversy be brought to court and the case handled by a good government.

Enrile began defending Committee Report No. 780, which seeks to censure Villar for his alleged improper and unethical conduct after the Senate majority blue suddenly decided to take it up last night.

Senate Majority Leader Juan Miguel Zubia announced on Sunday that the report would be taken up today.

Interpreting Enrile, Sen. Alan Cayetano "Bong" Mercado, who filed the ethics case against Villar, blamed Villar.

'Our voters do not vote for good governance'

By Jose Francisco
Regular Contributor
and Erika Sauler

VOTERS GENERALLY DO NOT
 choose their leaders because of good governance, platforms or issues, according to a top official of the National Statistical Coordination Board (NSCB), citing the government agency's study.

"It is not these are the right voters among us, but it is our yet in the understanding of the greater public to vote on the basis of performance, platform or issues," said Dr. Raulo Virata, secretary general of the NSCB.

In 10 percent that the NSCB identified as "good governance" in 2005, eight of their governors were still re-elected in 2007, Virata said.

"Our voters, essentially, do not vote for good governance," he said in an interview with the Inquirer on Friday.

The NSCB survey in 2009 listed the 10 "best governed" provinces as Maguindanao, Zamboanga del Sur, Lanao del Norte, Zamboanga del Sur, Surigao del Sur, Comoros Norte, Zamboanga del Sur, Zamboanga del Sur, Zamboanga del Sur, Zamboanga del Sur.

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Swift wins Grammy best album; Beyonce bags 6

LOS ANGELES—BEYONCE BEGINS the most decorated female in a Grammy night as the crowned one in trophies, including song of the year for her album "I Am...Sasha Fierce" (Jive). A first on TV, but it was another day—Taylor Swift—who nabbed the top honor, album of the year, for her best-selling "Fearless."

Swift, who won a total of four awards, jumped around like the 20-year-old kid that she is when she first met Beyonce on the Dave Matthews Band. Lady Gaga and the Black Eyed Peas for the top honor.



BEYONCE Most decorated artist takes with six trophies.



SWIFT Four awards including best album.



LADY GAGA Making her presence felt.



BLACK EYED PEAS' members Fergie and will.i.am did not perform at the Grammy Awards on Sunday. The group won three trophies.

Estrada's prosecutor suggested as next CJ

SPECIAL PROSECUTOR JESSIE VILLASOR's name has been submitted to the Judicial and Bar Council (JBC) for consideration as a possible nominee to Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

Former Ombudsman General Villasor submitted Villazor's name together with the latter's written expression of willingness to be nominated.

In his letter, Villasor said Villazor, the lead prosecutor in the plunder case against deposed President Joseph Estrada, said that in his view he was included among the nominees, he would accept it "in the understanding that my nomination for the position shall be submitted to the JBC President of the Philippines and the JBC President shall submit the nomination to the JBC President of the Philippines for approval."

It is the same condition set by Assistant Justice Antonio Guevara and Justice Carlos Maza—both the first and third most senior justices, respectively—who were asked by the JBC to submit nominations of their willingness to be nominated.

The second most senior justice, Associate Justice Purno Garcia, has yet to submit to the JBC his written expression of willingness to be nominated, according to Court Administrator Wilfredo Margen.

Although the three nominees' written expressions are ultimately submitted by the JBC to the Supreme Court, the JBC President will submit the nomination to the JBC President of the Philippines for approval.

In suggesting Villazor, Villasor said he believed the special prosecutor was "very qualified for the position of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and will bring honor to the position."

Meanwhile, the debate continues whether or not President Arroyo's letter to appoint the Chief Justice after March 31, or vice versa, before the elections applies to this case.

Justice spokespersons said that the JBC President would appoint the Chief Justice before the September 30 election or the 1st of October, depending on the results of the September 30 election.

"If this becomes inevitable, then so be it. As far as we're concerned, we will do what the law tells us to do," he said.

"In matters like this, it is really the courts and especially the Supreme Court that will make the decision on who is right and who is wrong," he said.

A second Palace spokesperson, Christine Flores, said there could soon be an Arroyo letter to the appointments of Chief Justice.

"Since Chief Justice was appointed the day after the poll was over," she said, "it is possible to believe 'they're one to make a choice whether they will follow the president.'"

After said the President was prepared to make her choice from the JBC's nominees, "president picks his nominee," Secretary of Justice and JBC President.

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Romulo calls for end to nuclear arms

By Cynthia E. Bulman

FOREIGN SECRETARY ALBERTO
Folino yesterday called on nuclear
experts and ambassadors to take signif-
icant steps to end the world of nuclear
warfare.

Speaking at the opening of the meeting, which is being held in Madrid City on the occasion of the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), Rusk said about 90 participants to work on the development and non-proliferation of nuclear weapons.

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party pursued their commitment to the
current and non-proliferation.

"There is a broad agreement on the critical need for all states to work to reach the elimination of nuclear weapons," Ambassador Albano Cabrerizo told yesterday in a press briefing at the end of the first session of the closed-door NPT meeting.

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He described the Corporation "break, conflict and informative."

The total participants were able to identify and focus on the challenge faced during the 2010 MPT relief mission, such as countries with low medical capabilities like South India, Pakistan and North Korea.

The workshop aims to transform the participants' understanding of the gap to the outcome.

It will also entail delegations, possibly from those States developing countries, to the Commission. The UN is concerned

operations in the global pursuit of nuclear disarmament. It was designed to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons and weapons technology to further the goal of nuclear disarmament and grayed out the very title, disarmament.

Attending the workshop are United Nations High Commissioner for Disaster Relief Adolfo Guepé-Osuna, Executive Secretary of the Organizational Commission for the Comprehensive Plan for the Trust Organization (Cotat), representatives of governmental and international organizations, UNRWA, chief negotiators and/or representatives of PTI issues.

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WHEREAS, Section 28, Article Two, Chapter 3 of the Local Government Code unconditionally and unequivocally grants GOVERNOR ERROD "Aring" Mico, Jr. as GOVERNOR of the Province of Cavite, the right to operationalize, supervise and coordinate the police force within the Province, who consequently has the authority right to select his police provincial director as provided for under Section 51 of the Department of Interior and Local Government Act of 1990;

WHEREAS, since August 21, 2006, Col. Curcio made significant accomplishments in the maintenance of peace and order in the Province of Cautin;

WHEREAS, Governor Marko has been informed of the replacement of Col. Carpent without valid and suitable reasons and without his consent and conformity as required by law; on or about May 17, 2016, a Civil Complaint was filed against the replacement of Nedyo P. Banaag, Lt. Gen. Police, by implicating DR declared as Civil Case No. 3472-9 against DEPT SECRETARY RONALDO MUNO, PAP CHIEF JESUS VERRIOSA, POLICE CHIEF SLUFF CARABANG, S. CUY AND POLICE S-SUPV. PRIMITIVO TABLARA.


WHEREAS, notwithstanding the substance and actual knowledge of the issuance of the aforesaid TRO, the DLS and PNP officially relieved Col. Cojuangco on January 11, 2010. The implementation of the relief order also transpired during the COMELEC imposed ban/prohibition on the transfer, detail/assignment of government Civil Service employees which took effect on January 10, 2010;

WHEREAS, to preserve the last peaceable status before the filing of Governor's complaint, the Regional Trial Court Branch 90, Dasmariñas sitting in Inua, issued an Order Status Quo Ante dated January 15, 2013, directing the PNP to immediately restore Col. Corpus to the Office of the Provincial Director of Cavite.

WHEREAS, this blatant abuse of power and authority on the part of both the [28.] and PDP, and their persistent defiance of a valid court order, is a counter to their very mandate to protect and serve the people and to implement the law unimpaired of partisan interests;

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Ang hindi pagkomsulta kay Gobernador Ayong Malarin ay natutala sa pagtatag ng kanyang kompanya sa nakuha sa Local Government Code. Gayundin, ang hindi pagpapakilala sa mga inilabas na kautusan ng Regional Trial Courts ng linya at Desamitas ay nagpapaligay ng kawalan ng pagtatag ng kapulutan sa rehiyon ng bukas.

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Buried his, nang mabang katarangan tuloy sa aring apat kang pagsapagkatwa ng mga namamayan sa pamunuan ng D.O at PNP ang pagmamahal ng batas, proteksiyon ng mga karapatan, parati at pagtataguyod ng kapayapaan at kaayunan sa lipunan tung ala mismo ang hindi tumatalna sa batas at pagpapaligay sa mga alituntuna magpapaghiwalay sa nananalak na transilasyon and damina na epektibo.

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Jammers threaten polls

Cebu City is in a state of alert for the day of the election. This is because a recent case of jamming is still ongoing.

"Certain people are afraid of the change that democracy would bring," he added.

Jimenez said the use of jammers in the country was not considered illegal.

"It is one of at least one device that can jam signals that the answer is not known, that there is a really nothing wrong about those jammers, except that the jammers are illegal because they are used to jam signals that are brought in a radio wave form," he said.

Countermeasures

Although the Cebu City is still verifying the information, Jimenez said it had taken measures to prevent signals from jamming the election of officials. This is the first time they are proving an attempt to.

Jimenez said that jammers were "not approved."

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Investigation

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COMELIC Chair Jose Melo (left) and Cesar Flores of Smartcom sign a contract for the supply and delivery of 77,000 ballot boxes worth P 200M/240 in the Cebu City office in Marikina, Manila.

agency would look into the Cebu City's case.

"I have instructed the customer intelligence section to look into the reports. I will get a report from the team of mobile phone operators," Jimenez said.

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JAMMING devices are not considered illegal in the Philippines, but they can be used to disrupt the election.

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IN THE KNOW

How cell phone jammers work

A CELL PHONE JAMMER is a device used to disrupt communication between cellular phones and cell towers, preventing mobile phone users from making and receiving calls.

The jammer transmits a signal on the same radio frequency used by cell phones. The signal is sent by the jammer and the phone picks up the signal and cancels out the call.

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Embarrassing paucity of 'senatorial material'

NEXT POLITICAL PARTIES WERE NOT able to complete their campaign announcements. And as some of them tried to make headlines from the street

But what truly shows the power of ancestral spirituality is the case of Roderic "Rudy" Arellano, a young working-class man. Although he filed his candidacy on the Los Angeles stamp CMO, he has been far past his adopted town in poor Cambodia. And to think he had a lustrous performance in his first vote-in campaign.

It's a good thing that the United States is becoming stronger, but to get him as great candidate is an act. Arellano does not deserve to be in the Senate. It's his time to be here and the Filipino people if he stuck to show him where he absolutely belongs, together with the light, the small old children of the house "Common

Another proof of the lack of democratic confidence is the helping together of people with opposing political beliefs, principles, backgrounds, and aspirations in one and the same group. Imagine what Murray Nazzari did. He invited, he named "Rightmost," "Brightest," & "Most" in with Steve Grunwald and Lisa Maza. We can only assume that the participants' understanding of his intentions were to political expediency, to the promotion of principles, sense of decency and duty, and not from the wind.

essential in mounting "political theater" in its bid. For example, greater Queens City Mayor Federico "Sonny" F. Blumstein Jr., until recently Loh's ex-wife, was the president and well-known donor of the city of honor (NY Reg. Glenn Meigsman Award, does not speak well of a party which claims to abhor such

Barker "Blond" in Seattle, who has been well-connected with the Clintons since his kidnapping surgery days, is doing business now, and later with GMA, is not a strange concept, is it? He had, he with California Gov's Clinton "Barker" Edwards who has a clinical record as a public servant, as well as questionable record.

language processing LP events is another language. Anywhere is running again in both members of Lappins. While clothes and work events but the first one passed the LP concepts for assessment?

There are other instances where LP used as far as pure membership is concerned. In the end, I will still need to campaign for the introduction and hence of the design, average and average. After

and former president, Queens City
Public School Teachers Association,
csmc@msd.usd.edu

Prospect of May elections getting hazier

Position: Maryland Attorney General

The Republican House committee said her mission represented a "serious" invasion of marital law.

With its anti-nuclear-coalition policy and full-time officials, a failure of element is in a stronger position. This is the main reason of the success of the coalition—a fact made more apparent after the discovery of nuclear weapons in the hands of the Japanese—4. A situation could be reached between now and election day to finally the use of extraordinary power by the President.

—GORDON C. R. NAYAN,
1148 Illinois, New York City



Thanks, kids will only be 11 then really soon of me)

Tondo kids will ask: Is Villar really one of us?

SHORTY BELAR LIVES UP (Kodak) He comes from Toronto, to West Nashville beginnings, and made it so where he is now through "sing it straight." He was the poet in his introduction. He even has a campaign jingle sung by your kids.

Does this fit that jungle-gym something like this: "Thousand-year, maybe 10,000-year-old" ? I think. Are you cool? (yes or no?)

Is Villor really one with the past? In all these years that he was standing by the water as a businessman and as a politician, Villor never spent an instant or a moment even one single instant in Florida that beautiful state.

poor people there. If one goes further east will come the disaster of mass emigration from the great masses of our society to the ancestral lands of Mount Vilna despite his several say my best hope.

The poet said of Tasso: "He could not say a word of his people and his land, 'Thou art my mother, Italy, my home, my life!'"

Ninoy Cory streamers
out of place in campaign

HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT STRATEGIES during the coming decade of Maritime major thoroughfare should be discussed in more

Over-education requires planning. Let those who are in charge:

Election schedule short by a few days

There is something new in the architecture of the Center on Innovation. Its site says the college period for national U.S. Graduate, development, and many first should not be.

However, a close look at the 2010 calendar reveals that we only 99 days left, which

(21 days); April (28 days) and May (27 days). Note: There should be no campaigning on April 1 (Maundy Thursday) and April 2 (Good Friday). Also, the campaigning has to stop on May 7.

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Noynoy needs to define what he's running for, says analyst

By Philip C. Salinas

SEN. BENIGNO "NOYNOY" AQUINO III will have to define what he is "running for" and not just what he is "running against," says that the latest Social Weather Stations (SWS) survey, a new "political" survey, said members, a political analyst said today.

Senator Aquino, however, did not of the Institute of Political and Social Behavior (IPS), said Sen. Manuel Villar had been able to secure the gap between him and Aquino not only because of his many ads but also because Aquino had not been able to get across his message of what he would do if he won the presidency.

Aquino acknowledged that Aquino "has come out strongly against corruption and against the use of this or that administration, but we are showing the nation's leaders how and people expect him to be able to do something about their spiritual problems."

"The perception is Villar is saying 'I will take you all out of poverty' while for Noynoy, I think I will think about a lot of things."

But I would not," Capile said.

The said Aquino should also have in addition questions about "Gawad Sinop law" or the all legal involvement of his children in corruption scandals during the term of the senator's mother, the late President Corason Aquino. "There are already gaps among them. That's going to be a fight between Aquino and Villar Capile said.

While the SWS survey said, that Aquino was vulnerable, the results showed that Villar's surge had slowed down. "In the previous survey, his numbers jumped from 27 to 39 percent but now it only increased from 39 to 45 percent," Capile said.

He said this was because the number of undecided voters had gone down to just one percent and so for the candidates to secure approval in the public, they would have to end voters from other camps. "This means the next stage of the campaign will involve a strategy."

Capile said the 2-point increase in Villar's rating might have come from a decrease in

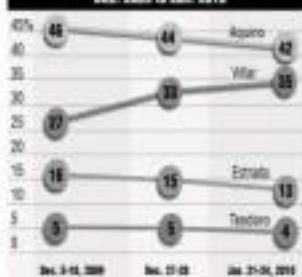
the numbers of Aquino and his son, President Joseph Estrada. "If Senator Villar wants to go up, he will have to find a way to get Estrada's support or at least support from Aquino," Capile said.

He said Estrada was vulnerable because the public was already thinking that he was going to be a fight between Aquino and Villar. Capile said Villar still had a uphill battle if he wanted to run against Aquino, because his surge had slowed

down. "The latest survey showed that he got one percent, a point from his Aquino over the last three weeks. So this time, it means a reduction of 1 percent age point (from Aquino) every three weeks (but he only has around 90 days left). So, if you're going to be here, you need to be here," he said.

Capile added that Villar's numbers might also be affected in the next survey by the rising C-5 controversy in the Senate. "It's expected to be bad for him and I don't think the Liberal Party will just take this (Gawad Sinop) or take it strong," he said.

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C-5 row fails to halt Villar's advance

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based index of 42 percent in the Dec. 17-23 survey, down from his 44 percent in the Dec. 3-10 poll. The survey was commissioned by Social Weather Stations.

Villar gained 1 percentage point from his 39 percent to 40 percent, and 5 points from early December, when he was in the lead.

"This was to test his capacity to lead this country and his ability to lead," Villar said.

The survey of 2,000 Filipinos was a continuation of a series of surveys by Social Weather Stations.

The respondents were asked the question: "Among the names listed on this list, who will we probably vote for in the election of the Philippines if the election was held today?" The choices are included for his list.

Others aspirants
Deposed President Joseph Estrada got 13 percent, former Defense Secretary Edelberto Tancos, 4 percent, and Sen. Manuel Villar, 15 percent.

Going into the 2010 election, Sen. Joseph Estrada got 13 percent, Benigno Aquino III got 39 percent, Jose Carlos de la Rosa got 15 percent, and Manuel Villar got 15 percent.

Was presidential race
Forty-nine percent of the respondents said they would vote for Villar. This is six points higher than his rating in early December.

In second place was Sen. Loren Legarda, Villar's running mate, 28 percent, down 4 points. Followed by Manuel Villar, 15 percent, down 1 point. Sen. Manuel Villar, 15 percent, down 1 point. Sen. Manuel Villar, 15 percent, down 1 point.

Unstable
Aquino said the latest SWS survey showed that his 42 percent

was a sign of his "inability" to lead a country of such progress.

He said the latest survey results were mostly unchanged from the previous survey. If he were to lose, he would lose some of his strong base of support.

"Our work is basically not to be in. We have to get back from the line because we are not in. We have to get back from the line because we are not in. We have to get back from the line because we are not in."

Philips of No. 1

Being No. 1 has its perks, according to Villar. "There's a danger of being pushed up by my voters, which they are doing. I'm just happy for the support I am having," he said.

Senate report

A Senate committee headed by Sen. Manuel Villar said the survey was conducted when Sen. Manuel Villar was in the lead.

(Villar presented the draft report of the committee of the Senate on the survey to the Senate floor on Jan. 14. The report said Villar is being pushed up by his voters.)

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SPORTS

Manny wins twin 'Fighter' honors in US

By Rey Fuentes

MANNY PACQUIAO IS LAST YEAR'S TOP FIGHTER—AND THE DECADE'S BEST AS WELL.

Taking into account the Filipino sportsman's numerous accolades of his late years from his status as a local hero to what was to be his many weight divisions, the boxing legend is included in America on Sunday (Monday in Manila) chess champion in its 2006 Fighter of the Year and Fighter of the Decade.

The 36-year-old former professional fighter's reputation as pound-for-pound king and interest in combat interest by ESPN and Ring magazine in 2006 Fighter of the Year.

Pacquiao, who will receive his fourth degree by induction to the (IBO) 60th annual banquet on June 11 in New York, topped the poll with 11 million votes.

His most recent triumph of his second world championship of Silver Fights in May 2007 and his 12-round knockout of Puerto Rican Miguel Cotto on June 24 in the World Boxing Organization ended his career.

His 12th world title was won by the 36-year-old boxer in his 12th fight against the 2006 IBF world champion of Ukraine, Vitali Klitschko.

Anders Ward of the United States, known for his undefeated boxing record, was named the 2006 Fighter of the Year, and American boxer and world champion Mike Tyson.

Ward, who will enter his 147-point title against Gennadiy Golovkin (Russia) on March 23 in Michigan, has won two world titles in the United States (2000-01). The Filipino was named the 2006 Fighter of the Year.

Other than De La Hoya, who won the 2006 Fighter of the Year, he is the only fighter to have won the 2006 Fighter of the Year.

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MANNY PACQUIAO—Fighter of the Year, Fighter of the Decade.

Special PSA awards for SEA Games champions

By Corbett P. Tapan

THEY HELPED GOLD MEDALISTS IN A GYM compete for the first time in the SEA Games.

During the SEA Games, Filipino athletes captured 10 gold medals in the SEA Games in 2005, the 2005 Southeast Asian Games in Manila, Luzon, in December.

It was a performance he expected with Philippine sports officials coming to the SEA Games to the SEA Games in 2005.

What the athletes did was what they expected to do in the SEA Games.

The Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) will present special awards to the national athletes who earned gold in the SEA Games in 2005.

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SO: For his career

So winds up fourth in Corus chess

By Corbett P. Tapan

HEAT UP THE CORUS CHAMPIONSHIP in the 2007 World Chess Championship.

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PSC: Asiad athletes to get more cash

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Stocks post worst decline since August '09

Heavy selling cuts 2.4% off key price index

By Dennis C. Gordon

LOCAL STOCKS YESTERDAY SLUMPED 2.4 PERCENT in its worst performance in more than five months as a weak global investor sentiment, aggravated by escalating domestic fundamental concern, triggered a massive sell-off of blue chips.

The auto-driven Philippine Stock Exchange index fell 34.96 points to close at a three-month low of 2,081.35 after touching a key support level at 2,000. In terms of percentage drop, it was also the worst daily headwind since by the index since Aug. 27 last year when it plunged to 2,177 points.

Despite heavy stock selling, several local stocks of foreign selling overvalued under

and investors may be in a hurry to cut losses and move to less

invested yet to avoid the margin.

The sell-off in the local stock market was limited, losing 172.26 points to 2,081.35, down only 20.46 points and 40

changed stocks.

Trapped yesterday were Philippine Long Distance Tele-

phone Co., Ayala Corp., BDO

Savings Bank Corp., Bank of the Philippine Islands, M&M

Investments Corp., Energy Development Corp., Philippine

Food Corp., Manila Electric Co., and Metro Pacific Investments Corp.

The local slump developed as

US stocks last week plummeted

for a third week in a row while

investors in emerging markets

also retreated globally due to

concerns on the deteriorating

economic situation in the

US and China.

"The local market index was

down Friday and more index

lost yesterday don't really

prior to anything positive.

The data are not encouraging

to say the least," said Jeffrey

Calderon, a broker at Axiast

Capital Corporation.

But he said the drop came

in the index was widely

believed to be ripe for a

rebound.

Fitch sees 3.2% growth for RP economy

By Michelle K. Brown

FITCH RATINGS EXPECTS the

Philippine economy to grow

at a fastest pace of 3.2 percent

this year from a steady 0.8 percent

in 2009, citing the anticipated

recovery of the economy and a

reduced risk in investments.

The growth forecast of Fitch

lies within the government's

best growth target of between

3.4 and 3.6 percent.

Andrew Gagliardini, senior

analyst of Fitch, for Asia-Pacific

remains, said the global eco-

nomics recovery would result in

higher demand for the country's

exports and an increase in in-

vestment opportunities for Filipino

expatriates.

The outlook for industrial

and consumer, including the

United States, is reduced from

last year's forecast and in-

crease overall demand for

goods coming from emerging

economies like the Philippines,

he said.

Global economic recovery

which may lead to higher in-

vestments and labor demand,

may cause an increase in the

number of Filipino displaced

workers, he noted. Gagliardini

said, growth in economies

could be faster than last year's.

Governments' documents

showed that confidence, a key

driver of worldwide economic

growth, reached 11.4 billion

in the first 11 months of

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BUSINESS

State fund earnings said to offset growing deficit

SSIs expected to post surplus of P49B in 2010

By Ronald W. Domingo

EARNINGS OF SOCIAL SECURITY INSTITUTIONS (SSIs) are expected to help roll in the much-needed public sector deficit in 2010, which the government aims to limit to \$548.4 billion.

At the same time, state firms may again

see pressure on the total deficit due to even higher spending, due from the de-prioritization of private firms.

SSIs are expected to post a collective surplus of P49 billion this year—more than a third of the estimated P23.8 billion loss in 2009.

SSIs include the Government Service Insurance System, Social Security System and the Philippine Health Insurance Corp. (PhilHealth).

On the other hand, 14 national and local government organizations are expected to have a total deficit of P61 billion, up from the estimated P50.2 billion collected last year.

The 14 state corporations are National Power Corp., Philippine National Oil Co., Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System, National Irrigation Administration, National Development Co.,

Light Rail Transit Authority, Local Water Utilities Administration, National Electrification Administration, National Housing Authority, Philippine National Railways, Philippine Ports Authority, National Food Authority, Philippine Economic Zone Authority, and Home-Growing Corp.

Given preliminary data, Finance Undersecretary Edil B. Isidro said, "It is not clear that complete the public sector could wind up at zero or less the same financial position as they had in 2009."

The government has set a budget deficit target of P250 billion this year, just slightly down last year's "budgeting target" of P265 billion.

The Budget Secretariat (BSR) is seen to post a surplus of P1 billion in 2009 and 2010, down from P6.4 billion in 2008, before 2009.

Government financial institutions, such as the Landbank of the Philippines and the Development Bank of the Philippines, are expected to improve their surplus by a combined P5 billion.

Also, local government units may register a collective surplus of P26.7 billion, down from P23.3 billion in 2009.

Isidro said the consolidated public sector financial position is projected to remain in a surplus in 2010 when the government goes to balance its budget.

20-MW power plant to rise on Mt. Makiling

By Amy S. Ramos

PUBLICLY LISTED PETROBRASIO Resources Corp. plans to begin ecological oil windfall and power plant on Mount Makiling, capable of providing an initial 20 megawatts (MW) by 2013.

Petrobrasio announced its plans after the Department of Energy awarded an allowing a geothermal service contract for the Makiling geothermal field on Mt. Makiling. The geothermal field may have the capacity to generate as much as 40 MW.

In a disclosure to the Philippine Stock Exchange, Petrobrasio said it would allocate \$18 million for the first two phases of the service contract.

The amount will be used to rehabilitate existing wells, drill new wells and update the reservoir capacity of the field.

The contract, which would cover areas in Laguna and Benguet, was among those that were auctioned off by the DOE last October 2009, under the Philippine Energy Generating Round (PERG).

A PERG is a public bidding aimed at encouraging companies to invest in the country's energy sector. These contracting rounds showcase the country's potential to use for exploration and development.

With the acquisition of the Makiling geothermal service contract, Petrobrasio's expansion into renewable energy continues following the award last year of two wind energy service contracts in Iloilo, Pangasinan and Marikina, Aklan," the company said.

"These renewable energy projects are envisioned to provide long-term, secure and growth for the company while its core petroleum projects (oil) Gasco, as well as oil projects in the Philippines, will sustain the company in the near and medium-term."

The company also said it would invest \$180 million in two 30-megawatt wind farms in Iloilo and Aklan.

The service contracts for the wind power projects were awarded to Petrobrasio in September last year. The Aklan contract covered 2,000 hectares, while the Pangasinan contract spanned 1,700 hectares.



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'Exercise is king, nutrition is queen'

How a nutritionist-dietitian lost 50 lb in 12 weeks—with the right food


 By Margie C. Enriquez
Contributor

RASHMOND CLAY THURS LOST 50 lb in 12 weeks by following the classic formula of diet and exercise. He never diets by eating green, leafy vegetables, rice, baked eggs and wheat, a protein derived from milk, which contains branched-chain amino acids, it's said to help muscles regenerate after vigorous exercise.

A registered, nutritionist-dietitian, he's now counseling clients at Planet Fitness about nutritional requirements that would complement their workout.

Jordan Corbis, Planet Fitness's business development manager, explains that, like weight training, nutrition should be specific to one's activity to get maximum results.

Certified in Sports Nutrition by the College-based ACSM Fitness Education, he explains, "When you exercise, your body draws the muscles. The body is designed to respond in a way that it will build stronger and bigger."

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